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## Baltimore City Department of Public Works Celebrates National Drinking Water Week *May 6 through 12*

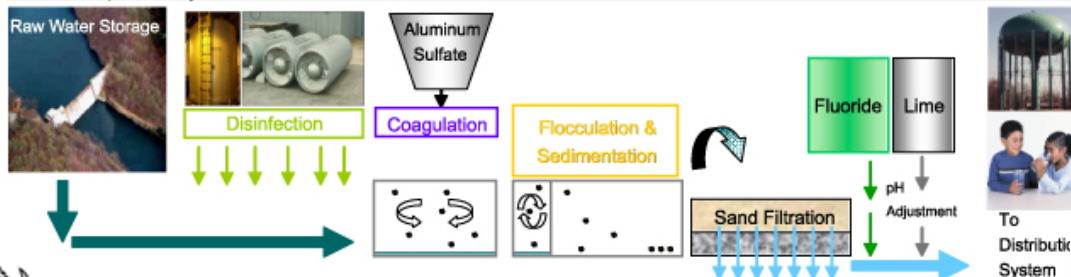
The Baltimore City Department of Public Works invites all City residents to join in and celebrate **National Drinking Water Week** from Sunday, May 6 through Saturday, May 12. During **National Drinking Water Week**, citizens are encouraged to reflect on how important water is in our everyday lives and to use it wisely.

Water is our most precious natural resource. It is crucial to the well-being of our citizenry. Not only does it quench our thirst, but it is a vital tool to our firefighting efforts and to general sanitation and public health. Baltimore's water has been called the best tasting drinking water in the country and DPW works around the clock to maintain that standard. Last week, on **April 24**, we feted the many men and women who braved the coldest days of winter as they worked outdoors to repair water mains. This was to make sure that all of our 1.8 million customers continuously receive a plentiful and safe supply of top quality water.

DPW provides, on average, 265 million gallons of water daily and operates three reservoirs and three water filtration plants. The agency maintains 3,400 miles of water mains and over 19,000 fire hydrants. To learn more about Baltimore's water system, visit the Department of Public Works on the web at [www.BaltimoreCity.gov](http://www.BaltimoreCity.gov) or visit the Baltimore Public Works Museum, located at 751 Eastern Avenue, to see the permanent display on how the city's drinking water system operates. The Public Works Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

### Baltimore's Water Treatment Process

When the water reaches the filtration plants, sufficient chlorine is added to kill many of the microorganisms that could otherwise potentially cause illness...



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